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## Attention All Providers

The state of Kentucky is switching financial accounting systems at the end of the month, going from MARS to eMARS. Sounds easy enough but there may

be issues and problems that arise, one of which could be providers getting paid on time.

### Early Intervention, Education, & Child Welfare News

[Spine Specialists Offer New Break-through Scoliosis Treatment](#) Ferndale, WA - A new non-surgical treatment option allows early intervention for scoliosis.

[Meth abuse lands more kids in state care](#) Washington, DC Already overwhelmed by the shortage of services and treatment options to help children living with substance-abusing parents...

[Child welfare crisis grows with meth use](#) Contra Costa Times, CA - The drug's impact on child welfare has become so severe, it now compares to the crack cocaine crisis of the 1980s, according to a national report released ...  
[Autism red flags identifiable early](#)

[on Examiner.com](#) - Early intervention is so important before age 3 - they need so much help while their brain is still developing ...

[Autism Diagnosis in Younger Kids Holds Up Over Time](#) Little Falls, NJ - The early diagnosis right may be important for researchers developing therapies for autism, and for educators developing early intervention programs targeted ...

[Diagnosis is autism challenge](#) Fredericksburg, VA - Parents and child-health advocates also clamor for early intervention and support for the types of studies that can help children be diagnosed at an earlier

age ...

[Autism Spotted at Age 14 Months](#) WebMD - This is a huge improvement in our ability to pick up kids who might be at risk and get them involved in early intervention...

[First Steps program pays lifetime dividends](#) Myrtle Beach Sun News - Data reveal two simple facts: Enriched early learning and quality early intervention programs have long-lasting positive effects on participants...

### Web site Changes and Updates

Central Office has added a monthly newsletter. See [May Newsletter](#). You will want to check out the second page article entitled **Progress Made Since Provider Forums**.

Kentucky Early Intervention's Interagency Coordinating Council is currently accepting nominations for the Marge Allen Spirit Award and the Jim Henson Award. Both awards will be given at the Infant Toddler Institute in August. Read more about the awards and download nomination forms here: [Award Nomination Form 2006](#).

### Helpful Links

**Part C programs** in surrounding states:

[First Steps Missouri Home Page](#)  
[First Steps Indiana Home Page](#)  
[Early Intervention of Virginia](#)  
[Ohio Help Me Grow Program](#)  
[Early Intervention of Tennessee](#)  
[West Virginia Birth to 3](#)

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# FIRST STEPS

KENTUCKY'S EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM



## Regarding Service Coordinators

### ISC

Central Office has heard concerns from PSCs about various issues around referral and in light of the PSC crunch in some areas, I would like to review the process for

choosing and referring to PSCs.

Below are regs pertaining to such:

2:110 Section 1(7)(k) states that the POE shall "Discuss options for a Primary Service Coordinator" on the initial visit to the family.

2:110 Section 1(13)(b) says "Once a potential primary service coordinator has been suggested, the POE staff shall contact that person and confirm his willingness to function as the primary service coordinator."

2:110 Section 1(13)(c) says "After releases of information signed by the parent have been obtained, the POE staff shall send copies of the following information to the re-

quested primary service coordinator: 1. Initial referral information; 2. Developmental and social history; 3. Any available evaluation reports; and 4. Any available assessment reports.

Finally 2:110 Section 1(13)(d) says "The POE staff shall send notices to all identified IFSP team members of the upcoming IFSP meeting date, time and location."

Note: PSCs are required to attend the initial IFSP meeting. If the above regulations are followed, the PSCs are given reasonable notice of the IFSP meeting, they should be able to attend.

I realize POE staff have an enormous responsibility, however, the regs still need to be followed and consideration must be given to every service provider. PSCs need to be provided with as much

notice as possible when meetings are scheduled. If we run off what PSCs we have, some areas are going to be in even more desperate need than ever.

As discussed, POE quarterly meetings will be cancelled if we find that emailing can provide the communication needed between Central Office and POE staff. **ISCs, please reply to me and let me know you have read this.** The quarterly meeting is still scheduled for July 11th and arrangements will be made for POE staff to meet who do not prefer email.

Thanks!

*Sarah Walker*

# Employment Opportunity

The First Steps **Training Coordinator** position is now posted on the UK jobs website. The job title is a **Disability Program Administrator I** (First Steps Training Coordinator Position)

You can apply for this position at the following link or feel free to contact me for more information.  
<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1149270586112>

Position Information	
Job Title	Disability Program Administrator I
Working Title	Disability Program Administrator I
Requisition No.	SJ512424
Job Category	General Mgt/Administration
Organizational Unit	Special Education & Rehabilitation Counseling
Grade Level	44
Salary Range	35,758 - 57,243/y
Position Type	Regular
Position Time Status	Full-Time
Hours Worked Per Week:	8:00 - 5:00 PM
Does this position have supervisory responsibilities?	No
Minimum Requirements <a href="#">Click Here to see Equivalencies</a>	MA + 3Y
Required Licenses	
Shift Indicate all that apply-Days, Evenings, Nights, Weekends, On Call, Special (please explain)	Monday - Friday - 8:00 - 5:00 PM
Job Summary	This job is part of an early intervention training technical assistance system. They will serve as the training coordinator for the Kentucky Early Intervention Program in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Any candidate offered this position and beginning employment on or after July 12, 2006 will be required to undergo a pre-employment national background check as mandated by University of Kentucky Human Resources.
Skills / Knowledge / Abilities	Experience with working with age group - birth to age 3 and interdisciplinary training.
Preferred Education / Experience	MS in Early Childhood with 3-5 years experience
Deadline to Apply	06-08-2006
Duration of Position	
Acceptable Document Types	Resume Cover Letter

The UK ECL will have **two teaching positions opened in fall of 06**. One position is an entry level position in the toddler room. We are primarily looking for people with undergraduate degrees who are certified in IECE. The second position is for a person who is close to, or has finished his/her Masters degree and also has certification in IECE. This position is a preschool position and will require some level of curriculum coordination for the program. Contact: Jennifer Grisham-Brown [jgleat00@POP.UKY.EDU](mailto:jgleat00@POP.UKY.EDU)